

Application No.: 10/707,536

Docket No.: 22040-00023-US

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 3 are now pending in this application. Claim 2 is independent. Claim 2 has been amended into independent form, and claim 1 has been canceled by this amendment.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Anticipation Rejection

Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Rao (US 5,761,694) is requested. Claim 1 has been canceled, thus rendering the rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

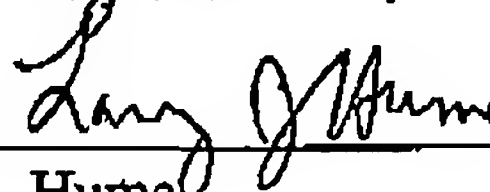
Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 2 and 3 have been indicated as being drawn to allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

In reliance upon the indication of allowable subject matter, claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form, and claim 1 has been canceled. Accordingly, claims 2 and 3 are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. An early indication of the same would be appreciated.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22040-00023-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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